

**MINUTES OF MEETING
COMMON COUNCIL
CITY OF MONTICELLO
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

The meeting of the Common Council, of the City of Monticello, Indiana, was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jason Thompson and Amanda Spear, President of the Student Council at Twin Lakes High School, opened with the pledge of allegiance.

Roll call, by Clerk Treasurer Liz Oilar, was answered by Mayor Jason Thompson, Council Members Dave Kelly, Jim Mann, Grace Oilar, and Eric Storm, and City Attorney George Loy. Council Member Bill Smith was absent.

There being no additions, deletions, or corrections to the minutes of the regular meeting on Monday, August 17, 2009, a motion was made by Council Member Grace Oilar, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann, to approve the minutes as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Department Head Reports

Fire Chief Shane Swaim stated that in last weeks paper it featured the training trailer the department is using from the Department of Homeland Security. This is a training opportunity they hope to continue. They went to Logansport today with the aerial truck to help them out. Logan's truck was getting repaired. This is good mutual aid between the two communities. His department averaged ten runs per day in August. The boiler in the back room needs repaired and he has issues with his phone service. The Council decided that anything \$1000.00 or less is the departments' responsibility and anything over \$1000.00 is up for discussion with the Council. Chief Swaim discussed his overtime budget with the Council and how that is spent.

Police Chief Curt Blount stated that his two K-9 officers recently competed in the K-9 Olympics. Captain Peterson did very well and brought home some plaques. Officer Stroup placed in the top ten in all of the categories that he participated in except one. They finished firearms training last week. Everyone is now carrying the new firearms. Chief Blount hopes that the summer will now slow down a bit for them. Officer Pyle will leave next week for instructor development. He is going to become a firearms instructor. A few weeks later Officer Stroup is leaving for instructor development. He will be taking care of some in house issues that need done every year. Officer Lingenfelter has been working with the new server. Everything else is running smooth at the department.

Wastewater Superintendent Joe Mowrer stated that the National Homes final design plan will be done shortly. They finished the Lake Street relining project today. They will be back Monday to do North Main Street and that section. Other than that, it is day to day operations at the plant.

Street Superintendent Doug Roberts stated that the sidewalks are almost completed. Fall is coming and leaf pickup will be here before we know it. They are picking up brush. Everything else is normal for his department.

Committee Reports

The Tornado Committee meets tomorrow morning at 9:00 a.m. at the Court House.

Homecoming Parade – Amanda Spear, President, Student Council

Amanda Spear, President of the Student Council at Twin Lakes High School, asked the Council for permission to conduct the Homecoming Parade through downtown Monticello. It is set for Friday, September 25, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. She has applied for the necessary permit from INDOT through Mark Kelly. Council Member Grace Oilar made the motion to grant Amanda's request for the Homecoming Parade to be held on Friday, September 25, 2009 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., seconded by Council Member Eric Storm. All ayes, motion carried.

First Reading Ordinance 2009-19; An Ordinance Establishing Salaries for Elected Officials of the City of Monticello, Indiana for the Calendar Year 2010

City Attorney George Loy stated that he has prepared Ordinance 2009-19. It is identical to last years, no increases. This is the first reading. If the Council wishes, they can move it on to second reading or suspend the rules and pass it on the first reading. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 2009-19 as presented, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-19, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

First Reading Ordinance 2009-20; An Ordinance Fixing Salaries of Appointed Officers and Employees of the City of Monticello, Indiana for the Calendar Year 2010

City Attorney George Loy stated this Ordinance reflexes the pay raises suggested by the Council, including longevity and various allowances. This Ordinance must be passed by September 30, 2009. Rules can be suspended tonight or moved to the next meeting for second reading. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to suspend the rules and adopt Ordinance 2009-20 as presented, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried. Council Member Dave Kelly made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2009-20, seconded by Council Member Jim Mann. All ayes, motion carried.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Liz Oilar
Clerk Treasurer